

Weekly Intelligencer.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF GOVERNOR PELLS.

Mr. President—Esteemed and honored.

Called by the voluntary suffrages of the people from private life to fill the office of chief executive of this great state, I appear before you, to solemnly pledge myself to the faithful performance of the duties which pertinent to the office.

With the due sense of responsibility of public life, in high and important trusts I have been invested, and I will not shrink from the responsibilities which have been intrusted to me.

I will, however, call your attention to the fact that the state has been organized, and each year adds to the number of its inhabitants with diminished resources of transportation with diminished revenue.

Some of the railroads of the state have been compelled to go into liquidation. New companies have been organized to man-

age them, not far distant, when we shall see more industries in every part of our state, adding to its population, wealth and prosperity.

SHIP TRANSPORTATION.

The commerce of the state is gradual,

by increasing, and each year adds to the number of its inhabitants with diminished revenue.

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been compelled to go into liquidation. New

companies have been organized to man-

age them.

The volume of shipping on the state has

been diminished, and yet the commerce of

the state, on the Mississippi and Mis-

souri rivers, is of immense value.

Transportation by water is cheaper

than land, and the rights of navigation

are secured by law, so that our agricultural products may be carried to market

in the water routes.

We require cheaper transportation,

and demand that the railroads in this state, and other railroads, do their duty

to us, and against the interests of our people.

This demand is reasonable and just.

The adjournment of the legislature,

and the adjournment of the session of

the people of this state, I return my

profuse thanks for the high and distin-

guished honor which has been conferred

upon me.

I shall be anxious to meet the demands

of the people of this state, and to give

them the best service in my power.

I trust we are assembled here as partic-

ulars, but as friends with a decided

desire to support the principles of our

country, and in hearty response

to the wishes of our constituents.

Whilst these sentiments are true,

they are not to be manifested in the

conduct of our administration.

The people of this state have been

subjected to a series of misfortunes

and calamities, and to the removal

of many of their best and most

valuable citizens.

With infinite care and expense

we have endeavored to secure

the welfare of our people, and to

secure their happiness and prosperity.

Let us but perform the duty we owe

to ourselves, and the people of this state,

and we shall rapidly increase in wealth

and happiness.

PUBLIC EDUCATION.

For these natural advantages pos-

sessed by us, in no small degree we can with pride point to our system of education commanding with our con-

stituted and existing with the country.

The people here, but scarcely any where

else in the world, who have educated

themselves with the widest and

most comprehensive system. And in addi-

tion to the natural advantages of the

climate, the soil, the water, the air, the

and the people, we have

the best educational institutions in the

country.

And herein lies the secret of our

success, and the secret of our

prosperity, and the secret of our

happiness.

The people of this state increased the

taxes 40 per cent in order to apportion

these taxes to the support of common

schools, and in doing so, we increased

the taxes 40 per cent.

Thus long ago, the common schools

were liberally endowed, and if the sys-

tem had not prospered as it did, it would

not have been established.

And herein lies the secret of our

success, and the secret of our

prosperity, and the secret of our

happiness.

And for the purpose of encouraging

those who desire to qualify themselves

as teachers, we have established four

normal schools, and one seminary.

These schools are still continued, and are

paid for the people without a murmur.

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